

The St. Ursula Academy Parent Bulletin
Craig Maliborski, Principal
January 9 - 15, 2012

Monday, January 9, 2012 GOLD/A

- 7:45am Faculty Meeting
- 8:30am Classes Start
- 5th Bell:
 - Freshmen: Academy Alum
 - Sophomores: Mission Trip Presentation
 - Juniors: Mission Trip Presentation
 - Seniors: Group Guidance
- 5:00pm Diversity Committee
- 5:30pm Boosters Meeting in the Skybox Conference Room

Tuesday, January 10, 2012 BLUE/C

- Club Lunch: Anthropology, Astronomy, Yoga, Library Book
- 3:00pm SICU

Wednesday, January 11, 2012 BLUE/B

- 5th Bell: Images, Student Council, The Light, ISSE
- Club Lunch: Senior Book, Classic Music, Harry Potter, World Affairs, Vegetarian

Thursday, January 12, 2012 BLUE/D

- 5th Bell: Student Organizations: Arts and Culture Assoc., Classics, SFA, The Crest, SOS
- Club Lunch: Bridge, Culture, EARTH, Life, Through the Lens
- 5:00pm Last Look

Friday, January 13, 2012 BLUE/A

- 5th Bell: Student Organizations: Campus Ministry, Cappies, GAA Board, SUAT, CSTAT, SOS Rookie
- Club Lunch: Language Honor Societies

Saturday, January 14, 2012

- 4:00pm Class of 2016 Mass of Distinction

Sunday, January 15, 2012

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Happy New Year! This past week at St. Ursula has been somewhat a week of “rebirth”--the new year brings a new semester with new teachers, new classmates and an opportunity for a fresh start for the students. On Friday, the Office of Student Life, under the direction of Ms. Sarah Catlin and Ms. Annie Huey, organized a Mini-Club Fair. All students, but particularly freshmen and sophomores, were invited to reacquaint themselves with the clubs and student organizations that are part of the co-curricular programming. A group of 43 seniors are spending the weekend on their Kairos retreat. We look forward to them returning to school on Monday.

Acceptance letters for the newest Bulldogs, the Class of 2016, went out on Friday. Our most effective “marketing” comes from our current families. If you know an 8th grader who has been accepted to SUA for next year, please congratulate her and share with her all that SUA has to offer.

Before Christmas, I sent out important calendar dates for 2012-2013 school year. We will keep the same basic calendar that we did this year (ending the first semester before Christmas). Please take time to note these dates on your calendars:

Tuesday, August 14, 2012: First Day of School for all students
Monday, September 3, 2012: No school (Labor Day)
Thursday, October 11 - Friday, October 12, 2012: First Term Exams
Monday, October 15, 2012: No school (Fall Break)
Tuesday, October 16, 2012: No school (Staff Inservice)
Wednesday, November 21 - Friday, November 23, 2012: No school (Thanksgiving break)
Wednesday, December 19 - Thursday, December 20, 2012: Second Term Exams
Friday, December 21, 2012: Emergency Day for a canceled exam day
Monday, December 24, 2012 - Friday, January 4, 2013: No school (Christmas break)
Monday, January 21, 2013: No school (MLK Day)
Friday, February 15, 2013: No school (Staff Retreat)
Monday, February 18, 2013: No school (President’s Day)
Tuesday, March 19 - Wednesday, March 20, 2013: Third Term Exams
Thursday, March 28 - Tuesday, April 2, 2013: No school (Easter break)
Sunday, May 19, 2013: Graduation
Thursday, May 23 - Friday, May 24, 2013: Fourth Term Exams
Friday, May 24, 2013: Last Day of School

Craig Maliborski

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Final grades for Term 2 and Semester 1 will be posted to PowerSchool on Wednesday, January 11, 2012. If you wish to receive a printed report card, please email Betsy Bissmeyer bbissmeyer@saintursula.org and she will send you one.

Since questions always arise at grading time about your daughter’s GPA, I have decided to include this information for you. Hopefully, it will help answer questions you may have:

GPA’s

- The quarter GPAs **do not “average” together** to produce the semester GPA.
- The semester **GPA is calculated using the semester grades and the credit earned for the semester.**
- The cumulative GPA is calculated by taking all of the semester grades from all of the semesters at St. Ursula (along with the credit earned in each semester).
- Yes, it is possible for individual quarter GPA’s to be higher than the semester GPA. Remember, the semester GPA’s use the semester grades and the credit earned for that semester—individual quarter grades are not used in the semester GPA calculation. (In the quarter GPA calculation, the credit used for almost all classes is 0.5. In the semester GPA calculation, only those classes that were one term continue to use the 0.5 credit—courses that met over the entire semester earn one credit.)

In an email to the girls I told them that the new year is a fresh start! I told them that if they had some grades they weren't happy with, they can improve this semester. It's a new beginning, a fresh start! If they had too many tardies, violations, or demerits, they can improve this semester. It's a new beginning, a fresh start! None of us need a long list of resolutions but many of us just need a fresh beginning.

*For last year's words belong to last year's language
And next year's words await another voice.
And to make an end is to make a beginning.
T.S. Eliot*

Mary Ann Meyer

BUSINESS OFFICE

Enrollment information was mailed to each family on Wednesday, January 4. The Enrollment Contract and \$600.00 tuition deposit for each student is due by February 1, 2012. Please contact me if you do not receive the information.

Thank you,

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GIRLS' ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

The Father-Daughter Dinner Dance

The Father-Daughter Dinner Dance is Sunday, January 29, 2012 from 5:00-10:00pm at Music Hall. This great night includes a wonderful dinner catered by the Phoenix, dancing with your daughter, bonding with all the dads and having a chance to dress up as your favorite holiday! The cost is \$70 a couple and \$10 for each additional daughter.

So...mark your calendar for January 29 and start thinking of what you will wear! Be sure to work on your dance moves if you want to enter the dance competition.

Julie Perry jperry@saintursula.org

THEATER

Our Miss Brooks tickets now on sale!

St. Ursula Ensemble Theatre's winter production "Our Miss Brooks" directed by Allison Hinkel opens February 3. Tickets are now on sale! Performances are Friday, February 3 at 7:00; Saturday, February 4 at 2:00 & 7:00. You can purchase tickets during lunch at the Theatre Box office located in the East Wing. Ticket orders can also be mailed to:

Box Office • St. Ursula Ensemble Theatre • 1339 E. McMillan Street • Cincinnati, OH 45206
Please make checks payable to: **Saint Ursula Ensemble Theatre**

The play based on the popular 1940's & 1950's radio and television show features a cast that includes Nina Fraley, Leah Greiner, Olivia Stanforth, Jessica Zalewski, McKenna Brinkman, Lily Hidalgo, Haley Sherman, Tara Sullivan, Tony Platz, John Dickens, Noah Day, Hannah Myers, Kenzie Corbin, Cecelia Long, Theresa Isemann, Keegan Doyle, Christian Conway. The technical crew includes Lucy Gaynor, Barbara Castellini, Alexandra Goss, Kelsey Eagan, Maggie Heyd, Deidre Long, Sarah Kelley, Katie Wernke, Morgan Bernard, Mary Carroll, Taryn Osborne, Meg Hessling, Deidre Long, Jill Foster, Camilla Mackenzie, Jennie Kalthoff, Gracie Hobler, Tessa Ward, Aimee Ward, Tiana Key, Katie Valker, Janie Conine, Morgan Bernard, Maeve Conway, Isabel D'Agostino, Taryn Osborne, and Meg Hessling.
Hurry! Tickets will go fast for this popular SET production.

Our Miss Brooks Patron Lines on sale!

Were you thinking about telling favorite *Our Miss Brooks* cast or crew members you are proud of them? Write a patron line and it will appear in our program! Each line costs \$5.00. Forms are located on the theater call board. Deadline is January 27, 2012.

Anything Goes Cast Announced!

Auditions for the 2012 Spring Musical *Anything Goes* were held December 6, 7, and 8. We are excited to announce this very talented cast: Christian Conway, Elizabeth Kehling, Dawn Thomas, Katherine Marsalis, Sarah Kelley, Olivia Stanforth, Jill Foster, Joe Niehard, Aimee Ward, Maria Broderick, Max Stepaniak, Alli Lamping, Tyler Blincoe, Mitchell Polonsky, Maria Sawma, Grace Liesch, Tyler Hausfeld, Kieran Conway, Maddie Girten, Kathleen Coughlin, Megan Devoto, Jessica Zalewski, Hannah Isfort, Tony Boeing, Sarah Stevenot, Justin Weibel, Jenna Kalthoff, Cecelia Long, Hannah Myers, Nicole Porter, Kelsey Sheets, Kristen Ney Sabrina Monroe-Penson, Katie Valker, Clare Rahner, Isabel D'Agostino, Michaela Bresler, McKenna Brinkman, Lauren Ficker, Deidre Long, Rachel Muething, and Angeline Wellington.

We are still looking for a few more talented high school gentlemen to complete the cast. If you know anyone who is interested please contact Ms. Bryll or Ms. Hinkel. Rehearsals will begin February 6. Performances will be April 19-22, 2012 at the Aronoff Center. Tickets will go on sale at the Aronoff Box Office on February 6. To purchase tickets contact the box office at (513) 621-ARTS [2787].

Faculty on Stage!

You can see the SUA Theatre faculty on stage in the coming months. Ms. Bryll will be appearing in ***Good Boys and True*** at the Fitton Center for the Creative Arts in Hamilton, Ohio. As the drama unfolds *the privileged life of a brilliant, athletic, popular and charming prep-school senior threatens to collapse when a disturbing videotape is found on campus. As the resulting scandal takes unexpected turns, his mother must sort fact from fiction and confront unsettling truths about her son, herself and their life.* The production will run February 22-26, 2012.

Ms. Hinkel has been cast as Mme. Aubert in the Cincinnati Music Theatre production of ***Titanic***. *The musical play Titanic examines the causes, conditions and characters involved in this ever-fascinating drama. We meet her officers, crew and passengers - some high born and others fleeing poverty, hoping to fulfill their life's dreams.* The production will be performed May 11-19, 2012 at the Aronoff Center.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Student Outreach Services (SOS) and Bulldog Buddies sign-ups for January through May start during the week of January 9-13. If your daughter would like to participate in monthly service through Student Outreach Services or weekly tutoring through Bulldog Buddies, please remind her to stop in the Community Service Office for more information.

2012 Summer Mission Trip Opportunities

Present sophomores and juniors are eligible to participate in the summer mission trip program at SUA. This summer, we will have two summer mission/immersion experiences. One trip will be to Managua, Nicaragua, which has already been filled, and the other trip will be to Appalachian communities in Kentucky. The students will receive information about this trip on Monday January 9. The details are below if you think your daughter might be interested. Thanks! As always, contact Ms. Rachel Kemper rkemper@saintursula.org or ext 168 if you have questions.

Appalachia Trip through Christian Appalachia Project (C.A.P.)

- Where: Sayersville and/or McKee in Kentucky
- Dates: June 3-8, 2012
- Cost: \$600.00 approximately
- How many students accepted: up to eight students with two chaperones
- What you do: You will work on construction projects in the Appalachian community of Sayersville and/or McKee as directed by coordinators from C.A.P. You will also participate in home visits, fellowship, and daily reflection with other volunteers.
- Housing: Community Housing at C.A.P. sites

<http://christianapp.org/vol/group-volunteering/>

LEADERSHIP SATURDAY: ALL SUA STUDENTS INVITED

Your daughter is invited to attend St. Ursula Academy's First "Leadership Saturday"! On Saturday, March 24 from 9:00am – 2:00pm, all Saint Ursula students will have the opportunity to participate in three leadership-training workshops. Possible topics include public-speaking skills, finding your unique leadership style, embracing change, power and authority, finding your voice, being creative, and compassionate leadership. The workshops will be led by women in leadership roles from our SUA community and beyond. We are pleased to announce that our Keynote Speaker and planning consultant is Deborah Pearce, communications consultant to local, regional and national schools, businesses, government agencies and not-for-profit organizations.

Leadership Saturday will teach the students to embrace and enhance their leadership skills. It will assist them in understanding and embracing their own innate leadership style. And finally, it will challenge our students to enhance their leadership ability in all aspects of their lives, at school and beyond. At the end of the day, our students will go forward with a new sense of confidence in themselves as leaders in the SUA community. Participants will be energized with practical techniques/skills that they can use in real-life group situations.

The topics for the event will be available by the end of January. Registration will open at the beginning of February. PALS for 2012-2013 school year are required to attend. The event is free to attend.

About our keynote speaker: (information from website http://www.pearce-communications.com/pearce_home.html)

Deborah Pearce received her Master of Arts Degree in Teaching from Northwestern University. Her teaching spans thirty years, including twenty-two years as a faculty member in the Communication Arts Department at Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio, where her classes included Interpersonal Communication, Interpersonal Conflict Management and Presentational Speaking. Ms. Pearce is the recipient of Xavier's Teacher of the Year Award, the Student Development Cultural Diversity Award and was chosen by the students for induction into Alpha Sigma Nu, the Jesuit Honor Society.

Deborah is a frequent speaker at professional conferences and meetings. Her interactive and entertaining style engages the audience while providing them with useful and practical information that focuses on contemporary issues that face today's organizations. Some of her past talks include: "Effective Communication Strategies in the Workplace", "How to Manage Inevitable Conflicts", "How to Deal with Difficult People", "The Art of Listening", "Managing the Challenges of Change".